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1. Officials of the East German Foreign Office and SED functionaries are concerning themselves with questions connected with the closing of the zonal border in Germany under the guise of a change of the demarcation line to an international boundary. This change in definition is regarded as a possible consequence of the ratification of the Paris agreements.
2. Although air sovereignty has been discussed, the tendency is to maintain the present air corridors in accordance with the four-power agreements. The SED may insist that the use of the air corridors be restricted to Allied aircraft, with a safety guarantee only for flights provisioning the military garrisons.
3. The Russians are reported to have a concrete programme for the event of ratification and the implementation of remilitarization. They intend to represent the "abrogation" of the Potsdam Agreement as the result of Western moves, which they will say "force" a Soviet reaction.

**Comment:** Such a restriction on the use of the air corridors would indicate a possible danger of a blockade in a form designed to avoid a charge by the West that the Communists were violating the Potsdam Agreement.

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